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AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, THERE FOLLOW DRAFTS OF THE LETTERS
TO PRESIDENT SADAT, FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY AND CHEF DE
CABINET SIRRY.

A. HIS EXCELLENCY

MOHAMMAD ANWAR AL-SADAT

PRESIDENT, ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

CAIRO

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

DURING THE COURSE OF THE LAST THREE MONTHS WE HAVE
WORKED CLOSELY TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR MUTUAL GOAL OF
ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT AND JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE
EAST. I WISH NOW TO OFFER YOU MY PERSONAL CONGRATULA-
TIONS ON THE SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE FIRST STAGE
OF THIS QUEST, AN ACHIEVEMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN
EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE
OUTSTANDING QUALITIES OF STATESMANSHIP WHICH YOU HAVE
BROUGHT TO OUR DISCUSSIONS. IT HAS BEEN A PRIVILEGE
TO WORK WITH YOU.

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PERMIT ME TO ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE

FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND
CONFIDENCE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES REMAINS A PRIMARY
GOAL OF THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY, AND THAT MY PERSONAL
EFFORTS TOWARD THIS END WILL BE UNFLAGGING.

IN CLOSING, MAY I OFFER MY SINCERE THANKS FOR THE WARM
WELCOME YOU EXTENDED TO US IN ASWAN. WE ARE ALL TRULY
GRATEFUL FOR THE THOUGHTFULNESS AND COURTESY EXTENDED
TO US BY YOURSELF AND THE PRESIDENCY STAFF.

BEST REGARDS TO YOU AND MRS. SADAT.
SINCERELY,

B. HIS EXCELLENCY
ISMAIL FAHMY
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

DEAR ISMAIL:

I LEAVE LUXOR TODAY WITH A SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT.
THAT WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED THIS FIRST PHASE
OF OUR MUTUAL SEARCH FOR A PERMANENT AND JUST PEACE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST IS, I BELIEVE, IN GREAT PART OWING
TO THE WARM, PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WHICH WE HAVE
DEVELOPED IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS. I EMBARK ON THE
NEXT STAGES OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS CONFIDENT THAT THE
SAME SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND FRANKNESS WILL CONTINUE
TO SPED US ON OUR WAY.

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITIES I
HAVE HAD OVER THE PAST WEEKS TO LEARN SOMETHING OF YOUR
COUNTRY FIRST HAND, AND TO EXPERIENCE THE HOSPITALITY
FOR WHICH EGYPT IS SO JUSTLY FAMOUS. ALL OF US ARE
DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE COURTESY AND HELP WHICH YOU AND
YOUR STAFF HAVE AFFORDED TO MY PARTY AND MYSELF.

WITH WARM REGARDS TO YOU AND MRS. FAHMYM

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C. OMAR SIRRY
MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY
OFFICE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
CAIRO

DEAR MR. SIRRY:

IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU OVER THESE
PAST THREE MONTHS. I HAVE APPRECIATED NOT ONLY YOUR
SKILL AS A DIPLOMAT, BUT ALSO THE UNFAILING COURTESY AND
HOSPITALITY WHICH YOU HAVE EXTENDED TO MY PARTY AND
MYSELF IN EGYPT. I AM PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR THE
EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS WHICH MADE POSSIBLE OUR TOUR OF THE
MAGNIFICENT SITES OF LUXOR AT SUCH SHORT NOTICE.

I LOOK FOWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU
AND YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE NEXT STAGES OF OUR JOINT
ENDEAVORS TO BRING PEACE TOTHE MIDDLE EAST.

BEST REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

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